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NETHERLANDS.

*Report from Rotterdam.*ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *July 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port for the week ended June 30, 1900: Six vessels were inspected and received bills of health. The steamship *Statendam*, of the Holland-America Line, sailed on June 28 for New York, carrying 115 cabin and 752 steerage passengers. One case of varicella was detained. Two hundred and eighty-four pieces of baggage were inspected and 48 disinfected and labeled.

The health of this port remains good.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *June 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Two steamships have been inspected, both bound to New Orleans, the *Utstein* with no passengers, the *Jno. Wilson* with 4 passengers, having 5 pieces of baggage which were disinfected under my supervision. Copies of certificates given to passengers and masters inclosed. Four deaths occurred in Bluefields during the week, 1 infant, native, of convulsions; 2 infants, native, of malarial fever; 1 adult, native, of gunshot wound. The general health and sanitary condition of this port and surrounding country continues satisfactory.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN.

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *July 4, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, since my last, 2 steamships have been inspected, both for New Orleans—the *Hiram*, with 6 passengers and 9 pieces of baggage; the *Jarl*, with 2 passengers and 2 pieces of baggage. The proper disinfection has been done and certificates given. One death occurred in Bluefields during the week ended June 30—a native male child, of dysentery.

In the last trimester there have been 30 deaths in this port—15 adults and 15 children. The apparent inconsistency of this large death rate (30 per thousand per annum on an estimated population of 4,000), with my repeated reports of the good health of Bluefields and vicinity, can be easily explained. In none of the numerous settlements for miles around this town is there a physician, so when any of the inhabitants thereof become very ill they are brought to Bluefields for medical attention, either in the government's hospital or in private houses; often they are brought in a dying condition, but their deaths are charged up to Bluefields.

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The past month of June has been an ideal one as to temperature and rainfall. The sanitary condition of the port is satisfactory.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *July 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended June 30, 1900:

June 28, 3 vessels carrying passengers sailed for the United States. The *Peruvian*, for Boston, with 9 cabin and 17 steerage passengers; the *Laurentian*, for New York, with 43 cabin and 59 steerage passengers, and the *Astoria*, for New York, with 117 cabin and 92 steerage passengers. Thirty bundles of bedding were disinfected for these vessels. One steerage passenger who was to sail by the *Astoria* was detained on account of severe abdominal pain. Two other vessels received bills of health during the week, one with cargo and the other in ballast. The sanitary report for the week shows 87 cases of smallpox, with 1 death, and 1 case of typhus. I inclose the abstract of bills of health issued to these vessels.

Respectfully,

H. W. WICKES,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

WEST AFRICA.

Yellow fever at Goree-Dakar—Continued.

[See PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS No. 26.]

GOREE-DAKAR, *June 16, 1900.*

SIR: Since my last dispatch, No. 214, of May 30, there was at first an abatement of the disease, until on June 16, no cases were reported as under treatment, and on the 7th instant the quarantines were raised. In about two days after, however, 3 new cases were declared, 2 of which, 1 of them the bishop of the colony and the other a sister of charity, have since proved fatal, and the local quarantines were immediately renewed. A case is also reported at Bathurst, on the River Gambia, 82 miles south from this port. The disease has not yet, however, been declared epidemic.

I am inclosing (separate) a copy of the Journal Official, which contains information respecting the disease until June 7.

Respectfully,

P. STRICKLAND,

United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.